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For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING NANOPHASE TiC-BASED
COMPOSITE POWDERS BY METALLOTHERMIC REDUCTION

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as shown below.